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11. (SBU) Ambassador presented ref A points announcing USG candidacy for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council in a meeting on April 6 with Icelandic MFA Permanent Secretary Benedikt Jonsson. Jonsson said Iceland would "look warmly on" the U.S. entry into the race and took the points on board.

12. (SBU) Pol Chief delivered ref B diplomatic note and Human Rights Pledge to Ingibjorg Davidsdottir, Counsellor for Human Rights at the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs on 17 April. Davidsdottir replied immediately that the U.S. can count on Iceland's support in the May 12 election. (Note: The MFA's Political Director expressed the same sentiment in an informal conversation with Pol Chief on April 16.)

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